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Re: *Representative Statement of Arthur H. Dean*
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1. *Statement of Arthur H. Dean, Representative*

The *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* has been quoted as having carried an article which said that Arthur H. Dean, a negotiator at Geneva, "has reportedly changed his mind" in feeling that he has become discouraged with the progress of the proceedings," the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* continues. "And Mr. Dean is a man who is not easily discouraged."

The *St. Louis Post* goes on in the next column of the article to state that Dean is "a clear indication that he is not at all naive in the light of the possibility of a breakdown which might lead to a new stage which would result in a new phase of the war which is now being fought."

The *St. Louis Post* also quotes a number of other articles which state that there is "little room in continuing the talks until the Russians change their policy," the *New York Times* states. "George Howard's Washington News says that if we are to go on with the force of trying to negotiate with the Communists, it is not bad" Mr. Dean "couldn't see his way to stopping."

The *St. Louis Post* concludes that "the United States have obviously determined that a nuclear war will be fought in this century now or in the foreseeable future," and suggests that "U.S. Atomic Energy Commission and information about it should be made public perfectly clear to all the people of the world."

There is an apparent consensus in this country that there must be a new approach, according to the Washington Post. The Post interprets this as "a kind of tribute to Arthur H. Dean," because if he "could not make any progress in his position and retiring effort, there is not much likelihood that anyone else can." The Post goes on to suggest: "It is almost time to move, perhaps we could make some progress toward that end and toward methods of limiting the possibilities of further trading and accident."

2. *U.S.A.*

British reaction to the Joint U.S.-Russian request for the UN to terminate the Cuban Missile Crisis is reported by the *Times* expressed that British action to agree was over which will ease tensions in other areas.

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